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REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed on May 15, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment should be entered after final rejection under 37 CFR §1.116(b)(1), as it merely cancels the rejected claims. Additionally attached to this Amendment is a Petition for a One-month Extension of Time, extending the period for response to May 21, 2007, being the next working day after May 19, 2007, which fell on a Saturday.

In this Response, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-13 without prejudice, and claims 14-20 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner once more for allowing claims 14-20.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Applicants' prior art FIG. 1 and 2 and 'Description of the Related Art' in view of *Grave* (U.S. 6,144,359), and further in view of *McCartney, Jr. et al.* (U.S. 5,831,693). This rejection is respectfully moot in light of the amendment.

As rejected claims 1-13 have been cancelled hereby, and the remaining claims 14-20 stand allowed, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

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Should any fee be required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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